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	First Named Inventor	John Curro
	Group Art Unit	1771
	Examiner Name	J. L. Befumo
	Attorney Docket Number	7897
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
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- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Suspension of action fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT/RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 24, 2002, please consider the above-identified application in view of the claim amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 10 and 19 as follows:

10. (Thrice Amended) A laminate web having a plurality of apertures, said laminate web comprising:
- (a) a first extensible web comprising a material selected from the group consisting of nonwoven, polymeric film, and combinations thereof, having a first elongation to break;
 - (b) a second extensible web comprising a material selected from the group consisting of nonwoven, polymeric film, and combinations thereof, joined to said first extensible web at a plurality of bond sites, the second prebonded extensible web having a second elongation to break; and
 - (c) a third web material disposed between said first and second extensible webs, said third material having a third elongation to break which is less than both of said first or second

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